

Recreational Lobster Regulations

Gulf of Maine Recreational Lobster Area	
Minimum Size	3 1/4 in.
Maximum Size	5 in.
V-Notched Females: Definition	Illegal to possess any female lobster that bears a notch or indentation in the base of the flipper that is at least as deep as 1/8 in. with or without setal hairs
Trap Limit	10 Traps
Escape Vent	One rectangular vent 1 15/16 in. × 5 3/4 in. or two circular vents of 2 7/16 in. in diameter
Bag Limit	15 lobsters per day
Outer Cape Cod Recreational Lobster Area	
Minimum Size	3 3/8 in.
Maximum Size	None
V-Notched Females: Definition	Illegal to possess any female lobster that bears a notch or indentation in the base of the flipper that is at least as deep as 1/8 in. with or without setal hairs
Trap Limit	10 Traps

Escape Vent	One rectangular vent 2 in. × 5 3/4 in. or two circular vents of 2 5/8 in. in diameter
Bag Limit	15 lobsters per day
Southern New England Recreational Lobster Area	
Minimum Size	3 3/8 in.
Maximum Size	5 1/4 in.
V-Notched Females - Definition	Illegal to possess any female lobster that bears a notch or indentation in the base of the flipper that is at least as deep as 1/8 in. with or without setal hairs
Trap Limit	10 Traps
Escape Vent	One rectangular vent 2 in. × 5 3/4 in. or two circular vents of 2 5/8 in. in diameter
Bag Limit	15 lobsters per day

Check out our YouTube [Learning the Basics of Recreational Lobster Harvest](#) playlist!